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MAJOR'S CORNER



The Dayton Police Department works to address and reduce crime in many innovative ways. These endeavors rely heavily on community support and partnerships. Recently, the Dayton Police Department, as well as its community partners, won international recognition and praise for their efforts surrounding the reduction of prostitution offenses. This project is a recognized finalist for both the

2013 Herman F. Goldstein International Award for Problem Oriented Policing and the 2013 International Association of Chiefs of Police Community Policing Award.

Beginning in 2007, the Dayton Police Vice Crimes Unit began to address the crime of prostitution in a manner unlike they had ever tried before. While being faced with the unsolved murders of three female prostitutes, a dramatic rise in the number of HIV Positive prostitutes being encountered, and innocent women being solicited for sex while just walking down the street, they realized a more effective approach was drastically needed. Instead of concentrating solely on the working women, who historically were arrested in disproportionate numbers with little concern given as to why they turned to a life of prostitution, vice detectives focused the bulk of their attention toward the male predators who came to our city looking for sex.

Due to this change of focus, the percentage of men arrested each year coming to Dayton in search of prostitutes has more than doubled. Of those men that are arrested and attend "Johns School," a one day training session geared toward male offenders, only six have reoffended. While these so called "men" unfortunately still come to Dayton looking for sex, facts show it is not as frequent as before implementing the changes. According to one female prostitute, "it now takes an hour or two just to get a trick."

Thanks to strong relationships with community partners such as The Oasis House of Dayton, The East End Community Center and numerous other citizen and faith based organization volunteers; an increasing number of struggling women are now receiving the help, love and support needed to change their life in a positive direction. As a result of these efforts, the City of Dayton has experienced a 62% reduction in female prostitution arrests. More importantly, community involvement on this important issue has increased. We recently had a group of neighborhood women accompany a lady arrested for prostitution to court, and provided her moral support so she could bravely testify in court against a chronic male offender.

My sincere thanks and gratitude goes out to The Oasis House of Dayton, The East End Community Center and members of the Dayton Police Department Vice Crimes Unit (Sergeant Chris Fischer, Detective Raymond St. Clair and Detective Doug George) whose hard work and dedication made these accomplishments possible. Also a special shout out goes out to Gigi Jhair, a recovering drug user and prostitute, who now gives back to society by assisting struggling women in their attempt to leave the streets for a better life. Gigi even had the courage to stand up in front of hundreds of strangers during the International Problem Oriented Policing Conference, most of whom were police officers from the United States and abroad, and tell her story....it was indeed very moving.

Thanks and have a great Thanksgiving! Major Brian D. Johns



Gigi Jhair with Cheryl Oliver & Diane Ream of Oasis House

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EPOD "Good Neighbor" Award — Ms. Gigi Jhair

The winner of this month's "EPOD Good Neighbor Award" is Ms. Gigi Jhair from EPOD North. Gigi and I have known each other for many years, and to be quite honest, our relationship at times has not been a good one. You see, Gigi is a recovering drug user and prostitute. During my years working undercover with the Dayton Police Vice Crimes Unit, I had to deal with Gigi on many occasions. Quite frankly, she was a real pain in the butt! With that being said, I have never been as proud of another human being as I now am of Gigi. Through hard work, perseverance and love, Gigi has put her personal demons behind her and is presently drug and alcohol free. Gigi now works two jobs, owns her own car and has her own residence. Gigi is also giving back to society by helping women who are living the life she once lived. Gigi counsels these struggling women, organizes Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for women and is presently a board member for The Oasis House of Dayton.

Recently, Gigi assisted the Dayton Police Department in giving a presentation on prostitution recovery efforts at the 2013 International Problem Oriented Policing Conference hosted by the City of Dayton. Gigi had the amazing courage to stand up and speak to the group about her life and all she had been through. This included the loss of her child which no parent should have to endure. Gigi also shared a humorous story about being arrested by an undercover vice detective wearing camouflage clothing with a dead deer in back of the truck, but I will save that story for an-

other day. Sometimes the path we take in life may be rocky, but it is how we persevere and



finish that means the most. Congratulations Gigi on winning the November 2013 EPOD Good Neighbor Award. I am so very proud of you!

Thanks again to Esther Price Candies and Evans Bakery for providing the great prizes for this award. We couldn't do it without you.

-Major Brian Johns

Lieutenant's Link



Greetings, to all our friends in the East Patrol Division area! It's that time of year, when the weather is turning cooler, the days are growing shorter and we are beginning our string of upcoming holidays. For my family and me, we use this time of year to reflect how fortunate we are and to look for ways to support

groups or help those who are less fortunate.

Recently, my family and I participated in the Breast Cancer Awareness 5k walk at 5/3 Field and the Hospice of Dayton 5k Remembrance walk. I am always amazed at how many volunteers and participants are willing to assist others for a great cause. Each year, both of these events have greatly increased in size as family and friends continue to be affected by the loss of those close to them, and because more and more people realize it's the right thing to do and for the right reasons.

Major Johns and I, along with our families have always been big into volunteering. We have been able to carry this component over to the East Patrol Division as part of our daily philosophy. Once again, we will be doing our angel tree to gather presents for children in our division who are in need. Detective Danielle Cash will be

making inquiries with our local community groups to create a list of families with children for the tree.

As the holidays approach, it's up to all of us to look out for our neighbors in need. The economy has taken its toll on a lot of families. Unfortunately, there are those who are too proud to ask for assistance when they truly need it. It's up to all of us to help identify these families and help get them in contact with community services, and church groups or food pantries that can assist them in these times of need. If you feel uncomfortable doing that or wish to remain anonymous, contact the East Patrol Division and we will help connect them to the resources they need.

There is nothing more rewarding than volunteering your time to help others. At this time of year there are plenty of opportunities for people to volunteer for different holiday events. There is always a need for volunteers and there can never be too many. Check with your neighborhood organizations to see what you can do to help or go online and check what events are coming up in your area.

Lets make this a great holiday for everyone in our community.

Stay safe, Lt. Booher VOLUME 1 ISSUE 10 PAGE 3

EPOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

TRUNK OR TREAT AT CLEVELAND ELEMENTARY

Dayton Police detectives and officers had the opportunity to participate in Cleveland Elementary School's Trunkor-Treat on October 24th, 2013. Also in attendance were numerous other members of the community, including

the University of Dayton Dance Team, University of Dayton engineering students, and Cleveland Elementary teachers. Due to the cold and wet weather, the event was moved inside to the gym of Cleveland School. But, the weather did not put a damper on the event. Volunteers handed out thousands of pieces of candy all of which were donated to the event by neighborhood groups, police officers, and volunteers to hundreds of neighborhood children in costume. The line of parents and children was so long, it went out of the gym, down the hallway, and outside into the parking lot. Everyone who attended had a great time and we look forward to participating in the event next year.

-Detective Nathan Curley



35TH ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD BALL

WHEN: Saturday, December 7, 2013 @ 6 PM cocktails, 7 PM dinner, 8-11:30 PM Dancing to Soul Express!

WHERE: In the beautiful, historic Miami Valley Golf Club, 3311 Salem Avenue

TICKETS: Make your reservations securely online using the Ball's PayPal system at www.daytonneighborhoodball.org/ or call first and then drop off your order form. Your reservation will be waiting for you at the door.

Choose from one of four entrees: (online, please submit the separate form with guest name and entrée for each)

- 1. Frenched Chicken Breast Stuffed With Spinach, Bacon and Goat Cheese
- 2. Grilled Salmon Filet with Orange Tarragon Béarnaise
- 3. Roasted Pork with Currants and Black Berries
- 4. Vegetable Napoleon with Pesto Cream

Holiday Salad with Apples and Pecans, Mashed Sweet Potatoes,
Green Beans with Tomatoes and Bacon, Rolls and Butter, Coffee& Tea,

Hot Fudge Nut Ball

For information, contact:

jill.hamilton@daytonneighborhoodball.org or (937) 469-0272 or sandi.simmons@daytonneighborhoodball.org or (937) 278-3955

**** We will endeavor to accommodate seating requests. Most seating will be in the Main Dining Room; however, there will be four round tables of 8 on the Porch, which also overlooks the golf course, along with the Cash Bar. If you would like to sit on the <u>Porch</u>, nearest to the band, please specify. Tables are rounds for 8; three rounds for 10 are available; and there are

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RED RIBBON WEEK

On November 1, 2013, East Patrol Operations Division Officers participated with Our Lady of the Rosary school and the Salvation Army Kroc center to celebrate Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is a national week in which students learn the dangers of illegal and recreational drug abuse and pledge to stay drug free. The event was also attended by representatives of the Mayor's Office and United States Air Force.





A Dickens of a Christmas Tour 2013

Celebrate the holidays in St Anne's Hill Historic District with a walking tour of charming Victorian homes, decorated for the season's festivities.

Each tour will be led by guides dressed in period costumes, brimming with information about this 19th century Dayton neighborhood. Each tour concludes with old-fashioned Christmas desserts served at the historic Bossler Mansion.

After the tour, you will have the opportunity to visit Victoria's Parlor Gift Shop, featuring unique gift items handmade by residents and friends of St. Anne's Hill. (the shop accepts cash, check, or Visa/MC/Discover cards, and is only open during the tour dates)

Tickets \$20.00 each



December 13, 14, 15

RSVP-Reservations are recommended for our guests' comfort and enjoyment.

Order pour tickets online at www.stanneshill.org

Or, order via mail below...

I would like to order _____tickets at \$20 per ticket.

Mail check to: St. Anne's Hill Historic Society, 216 Henry St., Dayton, Ohio 45403.

Tickets, map and parking advice will be mailed to you.

Name_____

City/State/Zip_____

Telephone____Email_____ Call (937)224-HILL (4455) or visit www.stanneshill.org for more information.

Dates and Starting Times (Tours last approximately 2.5 hours)

Circle and indicate 1st and 2nd choices

Friday, December 13:

3:00 3:30 4:00 4:30 5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30 7:00 7:30 8:00

Saturday, December 14: 11:00 11:30 12:00 12:30 1:00 1:30 1:00 1:30 2:00 2:30 3:00 3:30 4:00 4:30 5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30 7:00

Sunday, December 15: 12:00 12:30 1:00 1:30 2:00 2:30 3:00 3:30 4:00 4:30 5:00







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EPOD SOUTH OFFICER SPOTLIGHT—OFFICER JOE PENCE



Officer Joe Pence is a native Daytonian who serves the city patrolling the streets of EPOD South. Including, but not limited to the area he grew up which is around Holy Family Catholic Church. Officer Pence has been working for the Dayton Police Department since April 6, 1990. Like several officers, he realized he wanted to go into police work

when he was in high school. Before becoming a police officer, he worked at many jobs including McDonalds, Journal Herald, Ferris Fixtures Restaurant Equipment Company, and his father's business, Pence's Appliance.

During the twenty-three years he has worked for DPD, Officer Pence has worked both the East and West sides of the city. He has served stints working in the Special Investigations Unit on the Strike Force Team as well as the Drug Unit. For the past 16 years he has worked in EPOD South and has worked varied shifts.

I inquired about Officer Pence's favorite memory while working the street, but he said, "There are too many to choose one!" He did, however, enlighten me that his favorite assignments were while working on the Strike Force and the Drug Unit. He also added his favorite thing about being a police officer is that "occasionally you truly get to help someone that really needs and appreciates it."

One of Pence's most memorable events on the job is when he and Officers Dunkin and Seiter went into a burning building to get people from an upstairs floor. He described the scene as intense with black smoke 18" off the floor and flames were hitting the ceiling. For this incident, Officer Pence received an Award of Merit.

During his free time, Officer Pence spends time with his wife of almost 26 years and their children. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and participating in shooting sports.

My final question for Officer Pence is if he had any advice for newer officers or those seeking a career in law enforcement. He stated for the newer officers, "think about how you are going to react before you're in a situation" and for those seeking a career in law enforcement, he recommended, "take some firearms and martial arts training beforehand, as well as study the state and local laws of the area you want to work and do several ride alongs to see what the job is like before you start."

-Detective Danielle Cash

EPOD NORTH OFFICER SPOTLIGHT—SGT. ROGER EDWARDS



It is my pleasure this month to introduce you to one of EPOD North's day shift sergeants, Sgt. Roger Edwards. Sgt. Edwards is a 23 ½ year veteran of the Dayton Police Department. He grew up in the Dayton area and started his law enforcement career working in corrections at the Dayton Mental Health Forensic Unit on Wayne Avenue. Before working in law enforcement, Sgt. Edwards worked his way up the Kroger grocery ladder. Sgt. Edwards is a happily mar-

ried man of 40+ years and has two children and grandchildren that serve as his support.

During his tenure on the Dayton Police Department, Sgt. Edwards has worked every shift and every district, but cited D5, or otherwise known as WPOD North as having been his favor-

ite. Sgt. Edwards was promoted to sergeant in 2002. He decided to take the promotional exam because he "wanted more input in a squad's direction toward police work." Sgt. Edwards has worked in and supervised several special assignments including the Property Room, Court Detail, Dispatch, Investigations/Crime Prevention, and Police Training. Sgt. Edwards stated his favorite position by far has been in Patrol Operations, or working the street. He explained, "Like the saying goes, you can take the officer off the street, but you can't take the street out of the officer." I inquired about his favorite memory from working the street. Sgt. Edwards replied, "That's hard to answer, there are a lot of good times." But then after explaining that when you get close to retirement, you think about your memories, and the specific incidents aren't what stick out in your memory; it's the things like the camaraderie, the adrenalin rush when catching the bad guy, or the times when you're pointed out in a crowd or a disturbance and someone says "he's cool, you can talk to him" that you remember the most.

Sgt. Edwards added that he also enjoys supervising patrol because of the Crime Prevention approach to policing and

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SGT. EDWARDS CONTINUED...

utilizing the POP (Problem Oriented Policing) tools that are available. He stated, "In a lot of aspects, POP is back to basic police work with a different name and more tools." He described it as police work on steroids and that the new CPRT embodies that philosophy into applied action. He stated as a supervisor he gets to be the advocate or cheerleader for the team.

I inquired about Sgt. Edwards's accomplishments and awards he's received during his service to the City of Dayton. Sgt. Edwards has received numerous commendations including the Medal of Valor – twice! He has also received two Distinguished Service Awards, an Award of Merit, and the Officer of the Year Award. I then asked Sgt. Edwards if he has any goals before he retires. He stated in the 19 months he has left, he would like to have an active role in community projects and make sure that all the partner-

ships that have already been made with the police department remain strong.

Since Sgt. Edwards has held several positions within the department including police training, I asked him what he feels someone pursuing a career in law enforcement should know or do to prepare for the job. He advised they should "study problem solving techniques, read case studies on POP, exercise, develop a gift to communicate with people, and develop a sound support group of friends." I then asked if he had any advice for the incoming and younger officers. He replied, "Honor the Tradition and be true to your profession, Always!" He then added, "Remember you don't have to save the world in a career, but you have an obligation to the tradition and the community to try."

-Detective Danielle Cash

CRIME PREVENTION TIP— HOLIDAY HOME & SHOPPING SAFETY

The holiday season is a great time of year and can be very special. It can also be a tragic time of year if you don't take precautions and practice personal safety measures that can help prevent you or your family from being victimized.

AT HOME

- Be aware that sometimes criminals will pose as couriers delivering gifts to case your home or to commit a crime immediately.
- Be aware of scams that criminals commit to take advantage of people's generosity during the holidays.
- Be cautious about locking your windows and doors even when you leave the house for a short period of time.
- When you leave your home for extended holiday travel, have a neighbor or friend watch your home while you're away. Have them collect your mail and newspapers while you're gone.
- Do not announce on your voicemail or social media pages if you plan to be gone for a few days or more.
- Place lights, radio, and television on timers so that your home appears occupied.
- Avoid having large displays of gifts visible from windows and doors.
- Record the serial numbers of gifts before you wrap them and place them in a secure place.
- If having a party where strangers will be present, secure your valuables where they are not in plain view.
- Make sure if drinking is involved in festivities that a sober driver is available for you and/or your guests.

SHOPPING

- Even though you are rushed and thinking of a thousand different things, always be aware of your surroundings.
- Minimize shopping at night or alone; you are more susceptible to being victimized at night or while alone.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Take only the cash you need or pay with a credit card or ATM card; carry only as many cards as you will need.
- If you must use an ATM, use one inside of a well-populated building or a well lighted area. Only withdraw
 the amount of cash that you will need for that day.
- Carry your wallet in your front pants pocket or your purse securely around your shoulder.
- Keep a record of all your credit card numbers at home in a safe location. Report lost or stolen credit cards immediately.
- Be extra careful when carrying a wallet or purse; only carry what you absolutely need in them. They are prime targets for criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, and bus stops.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages whether on your person or in your vehicle.
- Do not leave gifts or other valuables in plain sight in your vehicle; it is an unnecessary temptation for thieves.
- Park in well lit areas and be aware of your surroundings

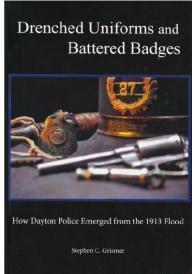
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BEHIND THE SCENES AT EPOD SOUTH



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Drenched Uniforms & Battered Badges



Drenched Uniforms and Battered Badges, the story of the Dayton police force and the 1913 Flood, is now available online at www.CreateSpace.com/4308551 or by going to www.Amazon.com [search by book title]. The color edition of the book is \$19.95 (+ shipping & handling). A <a href="https://black.oc/bla

This commemorative paperback book - written for the 100th anniversary of the Great Flood - is 114 pages in length and includes more than 70 flood and Dayton police pictures, photographs of 25 Dayton patrolmen and unique images of police artifacts from the period. The book is now printed in South Carolina and is slightly thinner than the original (having to do with the grade of paper) but, as an enhancement to buyers, several more pages, 12 more pictures and a postscript on Gamewell patrol call box system have been added as features to the newer version of the book.

Drenched Uniforms and Battered Badges recounts the role of Dayton police during Ohio's Great Flood of 1913 and how the police force emerged from the catastrophe. This book describes the efforts of the 136 patrolmen who sacrificed a great deal to aid and save the

citizens of Dayton. Many acted on their own instincts in the first few days because they were in the field without lines of communication, transportation or supervision. The story also describes the measures taken by police - as well as firemen, civilian guards and the military - to safeguard the city at the time of its greatest natural disaster. The account begins with the development of local police service in the closing decades of the 19th century leading into 1913. It concludes by relating how the Great Flood became a transformative event for the city of Dayton while ushering in profound changes for local law enforcement over the course of the following decade.

Drenched Uniforms and Battered Badges is being sold locally for \$19.95 at the following locations: Boonshoft Museum, University of Dayton campus bookstore, Carillon Historical Park gift shop, and U.D. Flyer Spirit gift shop at 1200 Brown Street. Proceeds are shared between these outlets and Dayton Police History Foundation, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the preservation of local law enforcement history.

info@Dayton>PoliceHistory.org or DPHFoudation@woh.rr.com

ONLINE DO IT YOURSELF PROPERTY REGISTRATION—"REPORT IT"

Knowing what you own and recording the identification numbers of your property could mean the difference between recovering or not recovering stolen property. There's now an easy do it yourself service through Leads Online that's available to the citizens of Dayton, Ohio. You may store serial numbers, item descriptions, pictures, and scans of receipts so that your items may be more easily identified in the event of theft or loss.

Just Go to reportit.leadsonline.com and get started recording your property today!

After you register your property, you will be able to access it anywhere. Don't worry, this service is safe and secure. Nobody else can access your information, even law enforcement. In the event you become a victim of theft, just log into your account and get the information you need. This record may also come in handy when reporting any loss to your insurance provider in the case of theft, fire, flood or any other tragedy.

If you're a business owner, don't feel left out! Report It also has features for corporate accounts to inventory tools, equipment, supplies, etc... For information on what's available for corporate accounts, Please Call 1-800-311-2656.

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EPOD KEY ARRESTS



Scott Neria and Douglas "Paul" Acton – On Wednesday, October 2, 2013, after a month long burglary spree spanning the Belmont, Eastmont, and Hearthstone Neighborhoods as well as Preble and Darke counties, detectives and officers finally caught up to burglars Scott Neria and Paul Acton. During interviews with the detectives, the pair admitted to several of the burglaries, but also admitted they



could not remember them all due to drug usage. Detectives are still following leads to locate stolen items.



537 Carlisle Avenue - On October 7, 2013 between the hours of 2:00pm and 7:00 pm the victim's garage was broken into and several musical instruments were taken. Entry was made through the overhead garage door. Officers located Kenneth Phann at MR Pawn Shop at 1340 Linden Avenue trying to pawn some of the stolen items. He was interviewed by Detectives and arrested without incident. Phann is also suspected in several other B&E and scrapping complaints.

353 Huffman Avenue – On Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at 10:00 pm, Stanley Martin was arrested for breaking and entering. During the incident, Martin kicked in the door to the vacant residence and cut out the copper piping. Martin then loaded the piping into a vehicle and transported it to his home. Officers were able to locate Martin and he was placed under arrest.



239 Park Avenue – On Sunday, October 20, 2013, at 2:25 pm, Thomas Cooley was arrested for burglary. During the incident, Cooley, broke a window to reach in and unlock the front door. Once inside, Cooley stole jewelry and a revolver. Cooley was interrupted by the victim, who had returned home during the burglary. Cooley jumped through a window and fled. Officers were able to located Cooley a short time later. Cooley's prints have been located at sev-

eral other crime scenes implicating him in a several burglaries.

621 Creighton Avenue – On Thursday, October 24, 2013, while the resident was at work, he received a phone call from acquaintance, Cedrick Ishimwe asking him where he and his roommate were located. When the victim came home, he discovered someone had entered his home through his kitchen window and stole his TV and laptop. After an investigation, it was found Ishimwe pawned the victim's television. During interview with detectives on October 20, 2010 July 1997.



ber 30, 2013, Ishimwe admitted to the burglary. Ishimwe is also suspected of committing several burglaries in the Lakebend Apartment Complex and Neal Avenue areas.



2600 East Third Street – On October 2, 2013, at 2:12 am, a female was walking on E Third Street at Torrence Street. She saw a male who appeared to be following her and then lost sight of him. A short time later, the suspect came rushing up on her from between the houses. The suspect told her to give up all of her money. She told him she did not have money. The suspect would not listen and again demanded all of her belongings. She became fearful and decided to defend herself by producing a small pocket knife and opening it. She

told the suspect to leave her alone and displayed the knife as she made a hasty escape. The suspect ran off but was found nearby by officers. Officers identified him as Santino Kiir. He was identified by the victim and taken to jail.

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CITIZEN SAFETY TOOLBOX

Have you checked out the citizen toolbox available on the city website? The Citizen Safety Toolbox has several key features including crime mapping, bicycle and alarm registration, report filing, and submitting anonymous tips. To access the toolbox simply go to the Dayton Police webpage on the city website or go to the following link:

http://www.daytonohiopolice.com











OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

For More Information on Operation Identification, or to get on board with the program, Contact Officer Patterson at 333-7430 or Officer Grieshop at 333-2387 for more details.



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To Receive text message or email alerts about crime in your area, sign up for the free Nixle

service at www.nixle.com

RIGHT OF ENTRY



All City of Dayton Police Officers are authorized to advise any person to leave these premises.

Failure to leave the premises after being instructed may result in an arrest for trespass after being warned. In an effort to work with the community to address quality of life issues, the Dayton Police Department has established a procedure to enable police officers to work with business, rental, and vacant property owners to enforce Criminal Trespassing laws.

Every business and rental property owner that participates in the ROE Program will complete a Right of Entry Agreement. Upon entry into the program, ROE stickers will be visible on the property to inform officers that a current Right of Entry Agreement is on file. The stickers also deter potential trespassers and minimize the threat of criminal activity due to the property owner's partnership with the department.

For more information on the program or to become part of the program, please contact your district crime prevention officer.